

## **Buskirk Avenue Improvement Project – Phase II**

The Buskirk Avenue Improvement Project - Phase II will provide for street widening improvements consistent with the Contra Costa Center Specific Plan. The project will widen the portion of Buskirk Avenue adjacent to the Crossroads Shopping Center and complement Phase I improvements (Monument Boulevard to 300 feet south of Lamkin Lane) completed in the Winter of 2005.

The proposed widening project will increase capacity, upgrade traffic flow operations and provide for new public improvements. The project will realign the roadway to provide four continuous lanes from Monument Boulevard to Hookston Road (thru Elmira Drive) then extending west to Buskirk Avenue thereby eliminating the current S curve (see attached). This will accommodate the future growth and expansion of the Crossroads Shopping Center.

The City recently secured \$11 million in Measure J Bond funds to construct the project, making this project a high priority for the City and the region. Our consultant TY Lin International has developed a preferred layout design that is consistent with the approved Contra Costa Center Specific Plan.

It is also anticipated that once a preferred layout is approved by the City Council, the consultant will prepare final design plans and the City will begin the right of way acquisition process. At the earliest, the two year construction project could begin in the Spring of 2011. A meeting to review the public input and proposed design layout will be placed on the agenda before the City Council at a regular scheduled meeting, anticipated in March or April 2010. Please check the City web page at <a href="http://www.pleasanthill.ca.gov/index.aspx?nid=277">http://www.pleasanthill.ca.gov/index.aspx?nid=277</a>, for updates.

We have attached for your information, the current preferred plans including: Preferred Layout, Bike Routes; New Landscaped Areas; On-Street Parking; Pedestrian Routes; Transit Routes; Tree Exhibit; and Vicinity Map.

If you have any concerns, comments or questions, please submit those comments in writing to the Engineering Division, 100 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, 94523 or email them at <a href="mailto:akaufmann@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us">akaufmann@ci.pleasant-hill.ca.us</a>. Your input will be valuable and appreciated at this stage of design. For further information contact the Engineering Division at 925-671-5264.















